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CRIMEBUSTER

In "THE SPACE PLATFORM"

STORY BY

**CHARLES
BIRO**

KEEP THE ACCELERATOR ON THE FLOOR, CRIMEBUSTER! WE'RE ALMOST THERE! LOOK! THAT'S IRON JAW'S BUS! HE MUST BE ALREADY ON BOARD THE SPACE STATION! THERE'S NO TIME TO LOSE!

IF IRON JAW ESTABLISHES A SPACE PLATFORM BEFORE WE DO THE ENTIRE WORLD WILL BE IN GRAVE DANGER! TELL THE MEN TO COMMENCE FIRING! WE MUST STOP HIM!



THE GREAT PHYSICISTS OF TODAY, LIKE THE INVENTORS OF THE PAST, DEVOTE THEIR TIME AND KNOWLEDGE TO THE BETTERMENT OF MANKIND! THEY DESERVE MUCH MORE GLORY AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT THAN THEY GET! MOST OF THE FRUITS OF THEIR WORK ARE QUICKLY HARNESSSED BY INDUSTRY AND MEDICINE ALTHOUGH IT SOMETIMES ISN'T EVIDENT TO US! OUR LOT AND WAY OF LIFE ARE IMPROVING FOR THIS REASON! HOWEVER, ONCE IN A WHILE, A GREAT SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY MAY GET INTO THE HANDS OF EVIL PEOPLE WHOSE INTENTION IS NOT TO BETTER OUR LOT BUT DESTROY IT! THAT IS IRON JAW'S ONE AND ONLY PURPOSE!

Charles Biro

I WAS CERTAINLY SURPRISED WHEN I HEARD THAT YOU WERE ALREADY READY TO LAUNCH THE NEW ARTIFICIAL PLANETOID OR FORBUSH! THIS HAS BEEN A TREMENDOUSLY WELL-KEPT SECRET!

IT HAD TO BE, CRIMEBUSTER! WE KNOW THAT HOSTILE NATIONS ARE BUILDING SIMILAR STRUCTURES AND ITS IMPERATIVE THAT THEY DO NOT KNOW OF OUR PROGRESS!

HOW DO YOU PLAN TO PROPEL THE PLANETOID BEYOND THE EARTH'S GRAVITATIONAL PULL?

THAT WAS OUR MOST BAFFLING PROBLEM UNTIL THE NEW ATOMIC POWERED ROCKETS WERE DEVELOPED PUTTING IT VERY SIMPLY THE ATOMIC FORCE WILL ACTIVATE FOUR SPECIALLY DESIGNED ROCKETS, CAUSING THE SPACE PLATFORM TO SHOOT UPWARDS AT GREATER THAN SEVENTY MILES PER SECOND! ONCE OUTSIDE THE EARTH'S PULL IT WILL TEND TO REMAIN IN A FIXED POSITION!

THE PLATFORM WAS PLANNED FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, BUT WE MAY BE FORCED TO USE IT FOR MILITARY PURPOSES! WE HAVE ARMED IT WITH THE LATEST ATOMIC WEAPONS, IN CASE WE HAVE TO DEFEND IT FROM STRATEGIC ATTACK!

I CAN SEE WHY YOU HAVE BEEN SO CAREFUL! IF THE U.N. DOESN'T HAVE CONTROL, A NATION COULD USE IT TO CONQUER THE ENTIRE WORLD!



THIS WILL GIVE YOU A PRETTY GOOD IDEA OF WHAT YOU'RE DEALING WITH, CRIMEBUSTER! THE CR-WALK WILL BE FOLDED UNDER IN FLIGHT FOR MINIMUM AIR RESISTANCE!

THIS IS VERY INTERESTING, DOCTOR, BUT I STILL DON'T QUITE SEE HOW I CAN HELP! MY SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE CERTAINLY ISN'T IN THE SAME LEAGUE WITH THE MEN YOU HAVE WORKING HERE WITH YOU!

THERE'S MORE THAN SCIENTIFIC KNOW-HOW NEEDED IN THIS PROJECT. WE NEED A CRACK TROUBLE-SHOOTER LIKE YOU! FOR INSTANCE, WE MUST SELECT THE FIRST CREW OF THE NEW PLANET! AND WHO LIKE YOU TO DO IT! AND ANOTHER THING, WE'RE TERRIBLY SHORT OF LABOR, AND WANT SOME ADVICE ON THAT!

I CAN SEE WHY YOU HAVE TROUBLE GETTING WORKMEN! THE LIVING CONDITIONS AREN'T PLEASANT HERE, AND THE NEAREST CITY IS ALMOST SEVENTY-FIVE MILES AWAY!

I'VE GOT IT, DOCTOR! HUNDREDS OF PETTY EX-CRIMINALS AT STATE PRISON COULD BE ASSIGNED TO SOME OF THE WORST JOBS! SURELY THIS PROJECT IS BIG ENOUGH SO THEY NEEDN'T KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON!

THAT'S SO! ONLY A HANDFUL OF MEN KNOW WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT...DO YOU THINK LOCKER WOULD APPROVE?



I'LL CALL HIM RIGHT AWAY! WE CAN GO SEE THE WARDEN AS SOON AS WE GET HIS OKAY!

WHILE YOU'RE CALLING I'LL CLEAR IT WITH MY COLLEAGUES! THEY'RE IN CONFERENCE NOW—SO I CAN SPEAK WITH THEM ALL AT ONCE!

DID YA HEAR THE LATEST IRON JAW? ALL THE GOODEY-GOODEY BOYS ARE GETTIN' OUT TO WORK AT SOME GOVERNMENT PLANT OUT WEST... SOME KID CALLED CRIMEBUSTER WAS HERE TALKIN' TO THE WARDEN!

CRIMEBUSTER? HE MUST BE THAT SPACE PLATFORM PROJECT THAT EVERYBODY'S WORKING ON! THIS SOUNDS LIKE THE CHANCE I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR!

WHEN ARE THEY LEAVING?

THEY'RE ALL GETTIN' A 4:30 TRAIN!

NOT MUCH TIME, BUT ENOUGH FOR IRON JAW! IRON JAW'D BE AN EASY MATTER TO SUBSTITUTE MYSELF FOR ONE OF THE MEN! THEY'LL BE WEARING HEAVY WORK CLOTHES AND ONE OF THOSE HEAVY LUMBERJACKETS WOULD MAKE A PERFECT DISGUISE!



I HAVE IT! AT LEAST ONE OF THE IDIOTS IN THE INFIRMARY WILL BE SURE TO BE DOING! NOW TO PULL A SICK ACT AND GET IN THERE!

OOOHH! THE PAIN!! GET ME A DOCTOR, SOME-BOODY! HELP! OOOHHH!

HEY, YOU! WHAT'S ALL THE RACKET IN THERE?

SUDDEN SHARP PAIN...IN MY STOMACH! HELP ME! GET A DOCTOR!

WATCH HIM, JOE! HE'S A FRENCH!

I KNOW! BUT HE SURE LOOKS SICK NOW! KEEP THAT GUN ON HIM, AND I'LL TRY TO DRAG HIM DOWN TO THE INFIRMARY!



I'M SORRY—INFIRMARY HOURS ARE OVER... GOOD GRIEF! IRON JAW!

I KNOW, DOC, BUT HE'S NOT DANGEROUS NOW! IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S GOT A BAD CASE OF APPEN-DICTIS!

OOOHH! IT'S MY STOMACH, DOC—THE PAIN'S KILLING ME!

HMMM...YOUR PULSE SEEMS NORMAL, BUT I CAN'T TELL MUCH UNTIL WE'VE CHECKED YOUR BLOOD-COUNT!

THIS IS WHAT I FIGURED ON! ALAS, MY CHANCE!

ALL RIGHT, DOC! YOU'VE DONE YOUR JOB—OUT OF MY WAY!

HE WAS JUST FAKIN'!

THE DOC'S A RIGHT GUY! I AIN'T LETTIN' THIS BIG APE GET AWAY WITH THAT!



YOU PUNY FOOLS CAN'T STOP ME!

YOU'RE NOT SO TOUGH, IRON JAW! YOU JUST HAVEN'T RUN INTO A REAL MAN YET!

OOFF! UGGH!

YOU WILL LEARN TO RESPECT THE MIGHTY IRON JAW! YOU IGNORANT FOOL! YOU ARE FORTUNATE THAT I DO NOT HAVE MORE TIME TO REALLY TEACH YOU A LESSON!

HAH! THIS PASS IS THE FINAL TOUCH THAT WILL TAKE ME TO FREEDOM! I ONLY WISH I COULD SEE CRIMEBUSTER'S FACE WHEN HE LEARNS THAT I HAVE ESCAPED AGAIN!

HURRY UP, YOU! THE TRAIN IS DUE IN FIVE MINUTES!











WE KNOW THAT IRON JAW'S EMPLOYERS ARE BUILDING AN ATOM-POWERED ROCKET, AND WE MUST FIND IT! IF YOU DON'T TELL US WHAT YOU KNOW, WE'LL SEE THAT YOU'RE RETURNED TO IRON JAW! AND YOU KNOW HOW HE TREATS THE MEN WHO HAVE FAILED HIM!

NO! NO! DON'T LET IRON JAW GET ME! I WILL TELL YOU HOW TO FIND THE ROCKET! I'LL DO ANYTHING YOU SAY!

ANOTHER MESSAGE HAS COME FROM IRON JAW! HE GIVES US ANOTHER TWENTY-FOUR HOURS TO SURRENDER, OR HE WILL BLOW UP THE CITY OF NEW YORK!

WE MUST GET THAT ENEMY ROCKET AT ALL COSTS. C.B. 1-A PLANE IS WAITING FOR YOU! I'VE GOTTEN MR. KEENE, AN FBI AGENT, TO GO WITH YOU!

GLAD TO HAVE YOU, MR. KEENE! IRON JAW'S MAN WILL GO WITH US, TOO! I ONLY HOPE THE ENEMY HASN'T LEARNED OF HIS CAPTURE, AS WE'RE COUNTING ON HIM TO GET US INTO THEIR CAMP!

TAKE THE RADIO AND TELL THEM THAT, UNDER IRON JAW'S ORDERS, WE HAVE CAPTURED THIS PLANE! TELL THEM WE ARE BRINGING THE GOVERNMENT PLANS FOR A NEW TYPE OF ATOMIC POWERED SPACE SHIP, AND WE WISH TO SELL THEM! ASK PER MISSION TO LAND!

THEIR ROCKET SITE IS ONLY A FEW MILES FROM HERE, CRIME-BUSTERS!

THEY HAVE A STRANGE STORY, CAPTAIN! WHAT DO YOU THINK WE SHOULD DO?

IT CAN DO NO HARM TO LET THEM LAND, BUT HAVE YOUR GUNS READY! IF THEY ARE TELLING THE TRUTH, IT WILL BE A GREAT THING FOR US! IF THEY ARE LYING, THEY WILL NOT LIVE TO LEAVE HERE!

I HOPE THOSE PHONY PLANS CONVINCE THEM... AT LEAST UNTIL WE CAN ESCAPE WITH THE ROCKET!

AS SOON AS YOU CAN, TRY TO GET US OVER TO INSPECT THE ROCKET! WHEN WE GET NEAR ENOUGH, WE'LL MAKE A BREAK FOR IT! YOU WILL STAY ON THE GROUND TO LAUNCH THE ROCKET. THEN YOU MAY GO FREE!

THESE PLANS WILL BE MOST WELCOME BY OUR GOVERNMENT! THE PLACE IS YOURS, GENTLEMEN! WHAT CAN I SHOW YOU?

OUR SPIES HAVE TOLD US MUCH ABOUT THE ROCKET, CAPTAIN! COULD YOU SHOW IT TO US?

FOR HEROES SUCH AS YOU, NOTHING IS TOO MUCH!

ALL RIGHT, GUARDS YOU MAY STAND AT EASE! WELL, GENTLEMEN, HERE SHE IS... JUST WAITING FOR ORDERS TO TAKE OFF!

SHE IS BUILT IN THREE SECTIONS! TWO WILL DROP OFF AND RETURN TO EARTH BY PARACHUTE WHEN THEIR POWER IS EXPENDED! THE THIRD PART HAS WINGS, AND WILL BE LANDED BY THE PILOT!

I WONDER IF WE COULD SEE THE INSIDE! IT MUST BE MOST FASCINATING.

SORRY, BOYS, BUT THIS IS WHERE YOU GET OFF!

THROW THE SWITCH, MAN! HURRY, WHILE THEY ARE OFF GUARD!

WHAT?

I'D BETTER GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE THEY REALIZE WHAT HAPPENED!

BRROARRR

THAT SPOT IS THE SPACE STATION, C.B.! WE'LL BE THERE IN A FEW MINUTES! DO YOU WANT TO HANDLE THE RADAR MESSAGE TO IRON JAW?

I'LL BE VERY HAPPY TO GIVE HIM THE BAD NEWS! I ONLY WISH I COULD SEE HIS FACE WHEN HE HEARS MY VOICE COMING FROM ONE OF HIS OWN COUNTRY'S ROCKETS!

IT IS THE ROCKET THEY WERE BUILDING AT OUR SECRET BASE! HAVE EVERYONE STAND BY TO WELCOME OUR AGENT!

SOMETHING IS WRONG, IRON JAW! THEY HAVE ORDERED US TO ABANDON THIS SHIP OR THEY WILL BLOW IT UP! AND CRIMEBUSTER IS SENDING THE MESSAGE!

IF YOU DON'T ABANDON THE SPACE STATION IN 30 SECONDS, WE WILL BLOW IT UP! THE SHIP IS EQUIPPED WITH HELIUM PARACHUTES PROPELLED BY MINIATURE ATOMIC-POWERED ROCKETS! USE THEM TO RETURN TO EARTH OR YOU'LL NEVER SEE IT AGAIN!

CURSE HIM! HE HAS US OUTGUNNED AND HE KNOWS IT!

ONLY TEN SECONDS LEFT, IRON JAW!

WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO OBEY... THERE IS NO TIME FOR ANYTHING ELSE! I WILL GO FIRST! FOLLOW ME!

THERE THEY GO, CRIME-BUSTER!

GOOD! SEND A MESSAGE TO EARTH TO STAND BY FOR THEIR ARRIVAL! WE MUST TAKE NO CHANCES ON THEIR ESCAPING AGAIN! NOW LET'S GIVE THIS ROCKET A BLAST AND TAKE HER DOWN!

OUR POWER HAS FAILED COMPLETELY, C.B.! WE WON'T BE ABLE TO MAKE A LANDING!

JETTISON THE TALE SECTION AND HEAD FOR THE EAST RIVER!

THEY'VE CRASHED! GET THOSE BOATS OVER THERE... THERE MAY STILL BE A CHANCE THEY'VE SURVIVED! POOR KID, I NEVER SHOULD HAVE LET HIM GO!

UP THERE!

CRIME-BUSTER! THANK HEAVENS!

SO THOSE ARE THE FELLOWS THAT WANTED TO BLOW US UP, ARE THEY? DON'T BE TOO CAREFUL WITH THAT PITCHFORK, SON!

I JUST HOPE THAT IRON JAW FELLA TRIES SOMETHING! HE'LL GET A HIDE FULLA BUCKSHOT!

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WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

Dear Reader:

In every issue of **BOY COMICS** this page is devoted to your opinions, ideas and suggestions. We have the pens and the talent, but you must supply the guidance. It will appear as you like it, but we must first know what's on your mind.

I enjoy reading your comics very much. I get every month's issue of each of your comics at my favorite newsstand. I wish you would have Iron Jaw in more of your issues. I enjoy his stories the most. Keep up the interesting stories as you have been doing.

Raymond Collier
247 School St.
Mayville, Wisc.

You can be sure your comic books, Boy, Crime Does Not Pay and Daredevil are appreciated around our house. My father and mother enjoy reading them, too. My brother and I must have two hundred or more of these comics, and you can be sure they're read and reread. We enjoy all the stories in your book. I know reading your comics is a typical scene in many American homes.

Nancy Lou Ryan
12 Fairfax Place
Utica, N. Y.

I am eighteen years old and I started reading Boy and Daredevil five years ago. Your stories are very good. I especially like Black Diamond Western. It is better than any other Western on the newsstand. I think your magazines are perfect.

Ernest Trice
408 Connella
Texarkana, Ark.

I have been reading your comics for a long time, and I truthfully think they are the best. All my friends agree that Boy, Crime Does Not Pay and Daredevil have put many youngsters on the right road — the road to an honest and clean life. Keep writing these wonderful stories.

George Bassett
226 E. 14 St.
New York 3, N. Y.

I think Boy Comics are great. I don't know how Charles Bira ever got the character of Iron Jaw. He sure makes the comics exciting. I get a thrill from reading Iron Jaw vs. Crimebuster. CB sure is tough. I think Squeeks is so funny. I just want to give my thanks to Charles Bira for these wonderful comics.

Jane Wilkins
343 No. Broadview
Wichita 8, Kans.

I'm just writing to let you know how much I enjoy reading all your comic magazines. I think all your magazines are tops, but my favorites are Boy, Daredevil and Black Diamond. They are always full of good, clean entertainment. You can always tell a Lev Gleason publication by the exciting, colorful cover. I think these magazines show the true American way of living and that everyone has a chance regardless of race, color or creed.

Robert Brown
701 Cedar Lane
Tarboro, N. C.

I think that Boy Comics are very good for boys and girls to read. It shows them that crime does not pay. I also think that it is very thoughtful of you to have this page open for the various letters which children write.

Shirley Cooper
Box CC
Glasco, Kans.

I like Boy Comics very much. I wish I could see him in person. He is smart as a whip. I would like to be like him. I like Squeeks, too. He is so funny. I am glad Crimebuster has Squeeks along with him.

Buddy Tullis
1200 W. Wall St.
Midland, Tex.

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CRIMEBUSTER

IN "ATOM
BULLETS"

STOP, CRIMEBUSTER!
ARE YOU CRAZY!
YOU'LL RUIN THE WHOLE
REARMAMENT
CONFERENCE BY
THIS!

I'LL
TAKE
CARE
OF
HIM!

THIS IS AN
OUTRAGE! IT
WAS AN UN-
PROVOKED
ATTACK ON
MR.
DUBLOC!

I DEMAND
CRIMEBUSTER'S
ARREST!

IRON JAW IS A
GLUTTON FOR
PUNISHMENT! TIME
AND AGAIN, CRIME-
BUSTER HAS GIVEN
HIM HIS LUMPS,
BUT HE KEEPS
COMING BACK
FOR MORE! HOW
LONG CAN IRON
JAW'S INCREDI-
BLE LUCK HOLD
OUT - OR CRIME-
BUSTER'S FOR
THAT MATTER!

Charles Biro

Story by
**CHARLES
BIRO**



HURRY! IF THEY EVER GET
UP IN THOSE CAVES, WE'LL BE
WEEKS TRACKING THEM
DOWN!

BE READY
WITH YOUR
GUNS! REMEM-
BER, ONE OF
'EM IS IRON
JAW!



HEY! THERE'S ONLY
TWO OF 'EM! WHERE'S
IRON JAW?

IF HE'S ON THE LOOSE,
OUR LIVES ARE IN
REAL DANGER!

TWO OF
YOU STAY
HERE AND KEEP
THEM COVERED!
WE'VE GOT
TO FIND
IRON JAW!



IF I GET SNAGGED
IN A BRANCH, I'LL
NEVER HAVE TIME
TO ESCAPE!



I'LL BE KILLED IF
I LAND IN THAT
FALLS!



THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED! THERE'S NO USE LOOKING FOR HIM! HE'S A GONER! IF HE WASN'T KILLED WHEN HE LANDED, HE COULDN'T HAVE LASTED LONG IN THE CHASM! HIS BODY PROBABLY WON'T WASH OUT TILL SPRING!

FOR A WHILE I BELIEVED IRON JAW MIGHT HAVE ESCAPED WHEN HE LANDED IN THAT MOUNTAIN FALL. BUT THERE'S BEEN NO TRACE OF HIM IN OVER TWO MONTHS SO I GUESS HE REALLY DID DIE! I STILL WISH I'D SEEN HIS BODY! THIS WAY WE CAN NEVER BE SURE!

I'M CERTAIN WE'VE SEEN THE END OF HIM! NOW LET'S TALK ABOUT A MORE CHEERFUL SUBJECT! WE HAVE A NEW ASSIGNMENT! WE'RE TO FLY TO WASHINGTON TO SERVE AS SPECIAL GUARDS FOR THE DELEGATES ATTENDING THE WESTERN EUROPEAN REARMAMENT CONFERENCE!

WONDERFUL!



WE MUST HAVE ASSURANCE THAT THE UNITED STATES CAN PROVIDE US WITH EFFECTIVE WEAPONS IF WE REARM!

TRUE!

OUR PROBLEM IS THE SAME!

MR. DUBLOC THAT IS ONE PURPOSE OF THIS CONFERENCE! MY COUNTRY IS PREPARED TO SHOW YOU THE AMAZING NEW WEAPONS WE HAVE CREATED! TOMORROW WE WILL TAKE YOU ON A TOUR OF OUR NEWEST SECRET ARMAMENT PLANT! I'M SURE IT WILL CONVINCE YOU MORE THAN WORDS COULD!

HOLD IT!

JUST ONE MORE SHOT!

CAN YOU LOOK THIS WAY AMBASSADOR?







I DON'T LIKE TO INCONVENIENCE YOU BUT FOR SECURITY REASONS WE MUST TAKE FINGERPRINTS AND CHECK THEM WITH THOSE ALREADY FILED WITH THE FBI! THIS SECRET ARMS PLANT REQUIRES ABSOLUTE IDENTIFICATION!

A VERY WISE PRECAUTION...



THIS NEWEST GUN FIRES A NON-RADIOACTIVE ATOM CHARGE OF TERRIFIC POWER THAT IS THE EQUIVALENT OF FIVE GRENADES, AND SHOOTS TWELVE ROUNDS WITHOUT RELOADING! I WILL DEMONSTRATE ON THE FIRING RANGE!



I WILL FIRE AT THAT GROUP OF TARGET BUILDINGS! THEY ARE THREE HUNDRED YARDS AWAY!



IT IS INCREDIBLE! STUPENDOUS!

NOT A SPLINTER LEFT!

HOW CAN WE TELL IT IS NOT A TRICK? PERHAPS THE BUILDINGS WERE RIGGED WITH EXPLOSIVES SET TO GO OFF!

DANGER! FILING RANGING!



RIDICULOUS! WHY WOULD WE DO THAT?

I CANNOT TAKE YOUR WORD FOR IT! LET ME SEE FOR MYSELF HOW THIS GUN WORKS! LET ME FIRE IT!



I AM SORRY SIR, BUT THESE NEW WEAPONS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO BE FIRED BY ANYONE BUT THE SCIENTIST IN CHARGE OF THE DEMONSTRATION!

AHH... I AM MORE CONVINCED THAN EVER THAT IT IS TRICKERY! YOU WISH TO MAKE US THINK YOU HAVE A GREAT NEW WEAPON AND IT IS PROBABLY NOTHING BUT A FAKE!



DUBLOC IS A SHREWD MAN! PERHAPS THERE IS SOMETHING TO WHAT HE SAYS!

TRUE! HOW CAN WE TELL THAT THE GUN HAS SUCH POWER!



HERE! I WILL PERMIT YOU TO FIRE ONE SHOT! I THINK IT WILL CONVINCE YOU! BE SURE TO AIM ONLY AT THIS TARGET RANGE! THE OTHER AREAS ARE ATOM MUNITION DUMPS AND A CARELESS SHOT COULD BLOW UP THE ENTIRE AREA!



AHH, I THANK YOU!









DEAR GANG:

REMEMBER WHEN I ASKED YOU IN ISSUE NO. 66 TO DROP ME A LINE INDICATING YOUR FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD CHOICES IN ADVENTURE STORIES? WELL, HERE ARE THE RESULTS AS I PROMISED! EACH VERTICAL LINE REPRESENTS 10 ANSWERS! THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!

Charles Biss

CRIMEBLISTER ADVENTURES	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
1. A SECRET GOVERNMENT MISSION.			
2. AN AFRICAN LION HUNT.			
3. FINDING A LOST CITY.			
4. CIRCLING THE WORLD IN A SMALL PLANE.			
5. WITNESSING AN ARMED ROBBERY AND HELPING TO CATCH THE CRIMINAL.			
6. PROSPECTING FOR GOLD, AND DISCOVERING A RICH VEIN.			
7. BEING A PASSENGER ON A ROCKET SHIP TO THE MOON.			
8. AN AIR COMBAT MISSION IN KOREA.			
9. SUCCESSFULLY ENGINEERING AN ESCAPE FROM AN ENEMY PRISON CAMP.			
10. COMMANDING A DESTROYER IN A NAVAL ENGAGEMENT.			
11. COMMANDING A VICTORIOUS INFANTRY DIVISION.			
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Loot In The Library



S LUGGER'S mind was full of thoughts of pirates and buried treasure. He couldn't get his hands on enough literature on the subject. It all started in his history class when they touched on the subject of Sir Henry Morgan which ignited his imagination. Simultaneously Slugger was assigned to write a theme, the subject to be of his own choosing, for his English Comp class. What better subject could he choose than swashbuckling adventures of the pirates? So interested in his new found subject, Slugger forgot that he was actually doing research for his composition. Having read all the books in the school library on the subject, Slugger went one afternoon to the Public Library to see what he could find.

Slugger found the librarian, Miss Steele, very helpful and she led him to a whole shelfful of books about pirates. The afternoon passed swiftly as Slugger read of the fabulous pirate adventures and the more fabulous tales of buried treasures that were never found. So absorbed was he that when he suddenly felt a hand tapping him on the shoulder he almost jumped out of his chair. However, it was Miss Steele telling him it was closing time. Slugger hopped up, checked out two books and walked to the barn in a daze.

"Wouldn't it be exciting to find some buried treasure?" queried Slugger that evening at dinner.

"You've been reading too many pirate stories lately," piped up Jack who had just finished reading the evening paper. "Here's something more modern to go on," Jack read from the paper. "\$5,000 in cash missing from Center City Bank. Authorities believe the theft to be an inside job and employees of the bank are being questioned."

"That's exciting, all right," continued Carly, "but it wouldn't be as much fun hunting for that money as it would for buried pirate treasure."

Later that evening as Slugger was slipping through one of the books he was surprised when a paper fell to the floor from between

the leaves. As it fell Slugger's imagination raced, "a secret code, a map, what is it?" He leaned over to pick up the paper and was disappointed to discover on it only a library cataloguing number, B294ro, scratched on the paper in pencil. Ashamed of himself for jumping to conclusions, Slugger crushed the paper and threw it away, hoping the other Wise Guys hadn't realized what had gone through his mind. Again he settled down to his books and had read them hoth from cover to cover by the time the evening was over.

The next day Slugger returned to the library to leave his two books and get some more. As he settled down to read he suddenly remembered the slip of paper. Though he'd thrown it away he remembered the number. Slugger had never been very well acquainted with the system of cataloguing in the library but he found B294ro with little trouble and it turned out to be a life of Beethoven. Curiosity led Slugger to take the book off the shelf. Out fell a slip of paper. Slugger jumped back in surprise then leaned over and picked it up. Written on the paper was another cataloguing number.

Now Slugger couldn't stop. He had to follow that number. He found the book, opened it and again out fell a white slip of paper. Written on it was another number.

This time Slugger's search led him by the desk of the librarian. She looked up at him in surprise and said "My goodness young man, I didn't know you were such a reader. You've been through Biography, Anthropology, Theology, Thermodynamics and I don't know what all!"

Not wanting to tell Miss Steele of his wild goose chase, Slugger answered, "Well, Ma'am, I'm just doing a little research."

"How interesting," she continued, wanting to talk. "What sort of a thesis are you writing? Can I help you at all?"

"Well, er," answered Slugger, "I-er-haven't decided yet. Thanks, maybe you can help me later," he said over his shoulder as he hurried down the long line of shelves.

This time his search led him way into the wings of the building. On and on he went searching for the obscure book. Finally almost at the end of the shelf, in a dark corner, he found the book he was looking for. He pulled it from the shelf, shook the leaves free and much to his disappointment nothing fell out. He was about to put the book on the shelf when he noticed how old it was. The cover was frayed and worn on the edges and the binding was broken. Thinking he'd call Miss Steele's attention to this, Slugger took the book with him. As Slugger walked by the shelves from the back wing of the library he examined the book. The cloth binding was completely loose at the edge of the back cover. He pulled up the frayed cloth and could slip his hand in between the cloth and the cardboard cover. As he slipped his hand in he felt some paper inside. He stopped short, held the book to the light, pulled his hand out and in it he held five \$100 bills.

Slugger gasped. He looked at the money. He'd never seen \$100 bills before. And they were brand new. He scratched his head dumbfounded. What should he do? He wanted to tell Miss Steele, then again he thought he'd better not. Then he decided what to do.

Slugger gathered himself together, slipped the money back in the binding and walked up to the desk. "I think I'll check this out, Miss Steele."

Miss Steele took the book to stamp it, looked up at Slugger in surprise and said, "So you're settled on Philosophy, Kant's Critique?"

"Well, er, I'm just sort of feeling my way around, Miss Steele," answered Slugger who, in his excitement, had not even noticed what the book was.

Slugger could hardly wait to get out of the library but he wanted to act as nonchalant as possible. As soon as he hit the bottom step of the building he turned on full steam and ran down to headquarters. He raced in the door and almost ran head on into the Desk Sergeant who had just got up to stretch his legs. "Hi, there, Slugger. What's on your mind?" the Sergeant greeted.

Slugger handed the Sergeant the book and breathlessly told his story. "Is that the money that was stolen?" he concluded.

The Sergeant had been looking at the bills incredulously and answered, "Yes, this is part of it. The numbers on the bills check." Again he examined the book, looked in the card pocket in the back and pulled out a white slip of paper. On the paper was written, J85fi.

"All we can do now," continued the sergeant, "is comb the library thoroughly. You can help us Slugger. This will have to be a secret until the thief who stole that money thinks it's safe to come out of hiding and recover it."

Slugger, sworn to secrecy, helped the police at the library. In order to create no disturbance and no suspicion, Slugger and two plain-clothes men followed the same routine that Slugger had previously followed in discovering the first \$500. First they followed J85fi. Slugger checked the book out while Miss Steele registered surprise at his interest in Flanagan's Wake. The book on examination produced another \$500 and another code number. They

continued to follow the clues and each time the inevitable cache was there. Even though this was going on under Miss Steele's nose she had no suspicion whatsoever, she even ceased to be amazed at Slugger's choice of books. When he finally checked out Gibbon's Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire she resignedly thought, "That boy must be a genius!"

The money was completely recovered and all that remained for the police was to wait quietly and apprehend the thief. Someone was stationed at the library constantly but to Miss Steele and any other occupants he seemed just another bookworm. The excitement of the bank robbery had died down in the town and nothing appeared in the newspapers.

One day a quiet little man in a brown suit walked into the Public Library. He went to the shelves, disappeared in the wing then came back to the desk almost immediately. "I'm looking for Kant's Critique of Pure Reason," he said to Miss Steele.

Miss Steele flipped through the cards and said, "I'm sorry, that book has been checked out. It should be back in a day or so. Shall I hold it?"

The man again walked back to the shelves and again returned to the desk with a look of dismay. This time a plain-clothes man walked up to him quietly, held something firmly in his back and said, "You're under arrest."

The next morning the story broke in the papers. The robbery had been an inside job, one of the tellers had quietly walked out with \$5,000 in his pocket. He had appeared for work every day since the robbery waiting for the affair to quiet down. Thinking all was safe he went after his loot, only to find it missing and was apprehended by the police in, of all places, the Public Library! A reward was to be given to the boy who had aided the police in their discovery but for the present time his name would be kept quiet until the police were sure he was in no danger from possible cohorts of the thief.

That same morning Slugger's English theme was due. He handed in a paper entitled, "The Catalogued Clues". Slugger was held after class and Mrs. Sanford reprimanded, "Slugger, I can't accept this theme! It's a sheer case of plagiarism from an obvious source — this morning's paper!"

"But, Mrs. Sanford," Slugger started to explain. Then realizing he was sworn to secrecy he checked himself. Slugger, disgraced in the eyes of his teacher, walked from the room.

The next morning Slugger dejectedly got out of bed and went out for the paper. He was surprised to see his own face staring at him from the front page. "YOUNG HERO RESPONSIBLE FOR APPREHENSION OF BANK ROBBER," he read. Then he read on that it was now safe to release his name as the job had been a single-handed robbery and no side-kicks were out for retribution.

Slugger forced himself to go to his English class, slunk into his seat and tried not to look at Mrs. Sanford. Her opening words were, "Slugger, I owe you an apology and I want the class to know that your theme was by far the most comprehensive, and I'm giving you an A plus!"

THE END

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